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**MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Air Division
Operational Services**

SUBJECT : Instructions for Overseas Survey Trip

1. A reorganization of CIA air activities has been approved by the Director. Additionally, the Director has authorized a survey of overseas CIA air assets, as well as a change in the operational command and control structure in this regard. You have been selected to head this survey team which will consist of qualified personnel in the air operations, administration, security, maintenance and supply fields.

2. The survey's main purpose will be to determine whether continued effective air support can be rendered CIA overseas activities with greater economy in aircraft and personnel. Specific areas to be reviewed include:

a. Numbers and types of CIA organic aircraft required to continue effective CIA air support, including minimum contingency airlift.

b. Systems which could be established to utilize other available airlift to accomplish routine air support requirements.

c. Numbers of air crews, operational and training requirements to include standardization and proficiency of rated personnel.

d. Procedures for accomplishing maintenance, supply, inspection and allied support functions.

e. System and procedures now in use for provision of USAF support of CIA overseas activities.

f. Procedures which will ensure fulfilling the air support requirements of the Chiefs of Stations under the newly approved command and control arrangements.

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g. Relationships between air support detachment commanders and Chiefs of Stations.

h. Administrative and security aspects involved in all of the above.

3. It must be assured that the valid airlift and support requirements of the Chiefs of Stations are fulfilled in an effective manner. Your tentative conclusions and recommendations will be reviewed with the appropriate Chief of Station at the completion of your survey and prior to your departure from his station.

4. The survey will be accomplished expeditiously and on your return a completed report with your recommendations should be submitted to me approximately 1 April 1959.

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